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2012/1
Annual report to the Economic and Social Council

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report of UNICEF to the Economic and Social Council (E/2012/6-E/ICEF/2012/3);

2. *Encourages* UNICEF to continue enhancing its reporting, including by placing greater emphasis on challenges and trends;

3. *Decides* to transmit the above-mentioned report to the Economic and Social Council.

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2012/2
Road map towards the UNICEF medium-term strategic plan for 2014-2017

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the "road map towards the UNICEF medium-term strategic plan for 2014-2017" (E/ICEF/2012/5) as a living document;

2. *Takes note* of the key milestones and time frames relating to the development of the strategic plan for 2014-2017 contained therein;

3. In line with Executive Board decision 2011/12, *requests* UNICEF to include in the road map specific actions and details of the opportunities for consultation towards the development of the strategic plan results framework;

4. *Encourages* UNICEF to strengthen consultations with other relevant United Nations entities pertinent to its mandate on strategic planning, results, and monitoring and evaluation frameworks, with a view to building on best practices and lessons learned;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director of UNICEF to continue to update and consult with the Executive Board on progress as foreseen in the road map, and in this regard, requests an updated version of the road map to be made available by June 2012;

6. *Looks forward* to further consultations on t' road map, as appropriate.

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2012/3
Harnessing knowledge to achieve results for children

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the proposals included in the strategic integrated framework for research and knowledge management, including (a) its three strategic priorities, namely, building the evidence base for results for children; putting countries at the centre of knowledge gathering and use; strengthening linkages between knowledge

functions, and topics and levels of the organization; (b) the associated key results sought; and (c) the additional suggested ideas and directions;

2. *Recognizes* the organizational steps being proposed, which are (a) clarifying the functions of the Office of Research, (b) putting in place processes for setting priorities; (c) changing incentives, (d) working with information technology, and (e) ensuring adequate resources;

3. *Encourages* UNICEF to report to the Executive Board at its annual session of 2013 on the strategic priorities and organizational steps as well as key results set out in the framework, and in this regard, recalls its decision 2011/3 requesting UNICEF to report on concrete steps taken to improve knowledge management at headquarters and in the field;

4. *Welcomes* the proposal of UNICEF, presented in document (E/ICEF/2012/6), to translate the suggested ideas and directions into a workplan, timeline and budget;

5. *Stresses* the importance of the research function and knowledge management in the development of the new UNICEF strategic plan for 2014-2017, and encourages UNICEF to allocate adequate regular resources to reflect implementation of its strategic integrated framework.

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2012/4
Country programme document for the Republic of South Sudan

The Executive Board

1. *Recalls* its decision 2011/16 to consider for approval, on an exceptional basis, the country programme document for South Sudan at the first regular session of 2012;

2. *Also recalls* that an informal consultation on the draft country programme document for the Republic of South Sudan (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.1 and Corr.1) was held on 19 December 2011;

3. *Approves* the revised country programme document for the Republic of South Sudan, with the aggregate indicative budget of $10,536,000 from regular resources, subject to the availability of funds, and $87,960,000 in other resources, subject to the availability of specific-purpose contributions, for the period 2012 to 2013.

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2012/5
Extensions of ongoing country programmes

The Executive Board

Takes note of the one-year extension of the country programme for Eritrea approved by the Executive Director, as indicated in the table to document E/ICEF/2012/P/L.3.

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2012/6
Private fundraising: 2012 workplan and proposed budget

A. Private Fundraising and Partnerships budgeted expenditures for 2012 season

The Executive Board

1. *Approves* for the fiscal year 2012 (1 January to 31 December) budgeted expenditures of $130.4 million, as detailed in the table below and summarized in column I of table 3 to document E/ICEF/2012/AB/L.1.

(In millions of United States dollars)

Cost of goods and inventory overhead	12.3
Investment funds	39.0
Direct expenses (excluding cost of goods)	24.1
Indirect expenses	55.0
Total expenditures, consolidated	**130.4**

2. *Authorizes* UNICEF

(a) To incur expenditures, as summarized in column I of table 3 to document E/ICEF/2012/AB/L.1, and to increase expenditures, up to the levels indicated in columns II and III of the same table, should the apparent proceeds from fundraising or cards and products sales increase to the levels indicated in columns II and III;

(b) To redeploy resources between the various budget lines (as detailed in paragraph 1 above), up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the amounts approved;

(c) To spend an additional amount between Executive Board sessions, when necessary, up to the amount caused by currency fluctuations, to implement the 2012 approved workplan.

B. Budgeted income for the 2012 season

The Executive Board

Notes that, for the period 1 January to 31 December 2012, Private Fundraising and Partnerships net proceeds are budgeted at $1,002 million, as shown in column I of table 3 to document E/ICEF/2012/AB/L.1.

C. Policy issues

The Executive Board

1. *Renews* investment funds, with $39 million established for 2012;

2. *Authorizes* UNICEF to incur expenditures in the 2012 fiscal period related to the cost of goods and inventory overhead (purchase of cards and other products) for the 2013 fiscal year, up to $12.3 million, as indicated in the Private Fundraising and Partnerships Strategic Plan 2012-2013 financial projections (table 5 to document E/ICEF/2012/AB/L.1);

3. *Approves* an interim one-month allocation for January 2013 of $13.04 million, to be absorbed in the annual Private Fundraising and Partnerships budget for 2012.

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